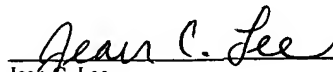




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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of **Douglas P. FUNK**

Group Art Unit: 3677

Serial No. : 10/603,380
Filed : June 24, 2003
For : **LACE SECURING AND ADJUSTING DEVICE**
Examiner : Robert J. Sandy

PETITION FOR THREE (3) MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Applicant's attorney/agent hereby petitions that the time for response to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed May 20, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on August 20, 2004, be extended for a period of three (3) months to Monday, **November 22, 2004**.


Applicant qualifies for small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27; therefore, a check for the small entity fee of \$490.00 for this Petition for Three (3) Months Extension of Time is enclosed herewith.

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